



Docket No.: 48864-014

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Shinichi BAN, et al.

Serial No.: 09/198,534

Filed: November 24, 1998

For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A 3-DIMENSIONAL DATA  
OF AN OBJECT AND A METHOD THEREFOR

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action mailed September 24, 2002. Claims 1-39 are now active in this application.

**IMPROPER REJECTION OF ALLOWED AND OBJECTED TO CLAIMS**

In the Advisory Action of June 25, 2002, the Examiner confirmed that claims 21-31 and 36-38 are allowed, and claims 10-12 and 15-18 are objected to (but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (see final office action dated November 6, 2001)). This advisory action is signed by a primary examiner.

The RCE filed September 5, 2002 included direction to consider the amendments filed under 37 CFR 1.116 on March 28, 2002. These amendments amended, *inter alia*, independent claims 1 and 14 to add limitations, making the claims more narrow, and claims 11 and 12,